

California Legislature

August 25, 2023

Douglass Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Fl.
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for India Basin Waterfront Parks Grant Applications

Dear Chairman Bosco,

We write to you to express our support for the grant applications submitted by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) to the State Coastal Conservancy. In our roles as the California State Senator and California State Assemblymember who represent San Francisco in Sacramento, it has been our pleasure to support this very important project through \$5.1M in funding for 900 Innes and \$5.6M in funding for the India Basin Waterfront Parks project in the state budget.

The India Basin Waterfront Parks proposal outlines a significant transformation of the 900 Innes property and India Basin Shoreline Park into a 10-acre robust multi-use park, offering an active, healthy, dynamic waterfront for recreation activities to serve the historically underserved Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) neighborhood while simultaneously embodying environmental responsibility. It will integrate parks, trails and open space systems with a comprehensive set of programs and amenities, trails that connect gracefully, one signage system, and furniture and fixtures that complement each other. The proposal also closes a critical gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail, creates a living shoreline, and provide greater access to the bay. Ultimately, this plan will result in a more resilient shoreline that is adaptable to rising sea levels and improves water quality by filtering nutrients and sediments in groundwater runoff.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the SFRPD's grant applications for the grant to provide the much needed funding to complete this once in a lifetime transformative project for a well-deserving community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District



Matt Haney
Assemblymember, 17th District



July 21, 2023

Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-1401

Subject: APRI San Francisco's Endorsement for the 900 Innes Transformation Project

Dear Chair Bosco,

In the context of A. Philip Randolph Institute San Francisco (APRI)'s mission to fight for racial equality and economic justice, we offer our complete endorsement for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD)'s 900 Innes transformation project.

APRI has consistently sought to build strong relations between labor and the Black communities, acknowledging that such alliances can positively influence social, economic, and environmental outcomes. The proposed transformation at 900 Innes resonates with these principles, promising the creation of a vibrant, multi-use park in a historically underserved neighborhood.

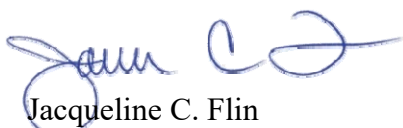
This project not only re-imagines an underutilized space into an inviting waterfront park but also establishes avenues for community engagement and environmental education, providing new recreational opportunities for the Bayview Hunters Point residents. The establishment of an accessible entry, paths through beautiful gardens, a public plaza, and a floating dock are all components that contribute to the creation of an inclusive public space.

Additionally, the commitment to build a resilient shoreline and create new habitats is commendable and showcases a thoughtful balance between community development and environmental conservation. This further ensures that the area will be protected from the impacts of climate change while enhancing biodiversity.

Moreover, the project design has been formulated following extensive community outreach and involvement. This approach aligns with APRI's mission as it promotes community development and ensures the park will not only serve as a public space but also as a symbol of the rich cultural heritage of the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood.

APRI anticipates that the State Coastal Conservancy will view this application favorably, given your commitment to preserving and enhancing California's coastal resources. For any further information or discussions, please contact jackie@aprisf.org or 510-921-4425.

With sincere thanks,



Jacqueline C. Flin
Executive Director



Douglass Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
Re: Support for 900 Innes Boatyard Park Development Grant Application

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write to you on behalf of the San Francisco Parks Alliance (SFPA) to express our strong support for the grant application submitted by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) to the State Coastal Conservancy. The proposal outlines a significant transformation of 900 Innes into a robust multi-use park, offering a dynamic waterfront to serve the historically underserved Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) neighborhood.

The India Basin Waterfront Park project its principal objective is to transform this previously unutilized space into an active , healthy, waterfront, offering the community unprecedented recreational opportunities.

Furthermore, the project embodies the ethos of environmental responsibility. It proposes the construction of a resilient shoreline that can adapt to rising sea levels and improve water quality by filtering nutrients and sediments in groundwater runoff.

As project partners we too are committed to sustainable environmental practices that align with the core values of San Francisco Parks Alliance, making this project a remarkable example of how urban development can harmonize with environmental preservation.

A key aspect of this initiative that the SFPA is most proud of is the Equitable Development Plan designed with the community. This guarantees the park will reflect and preserve the cultural identity and rich history of the BVHP neighborhood, while at the same time delivering an invaluable open space for its residents.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of the SFRPD's application for the grant.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Drew Becher, Chief Executive Officer
San Francisco Parks Alliance

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July 21, 2023

Douglass Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy

Subject: Endorsement for the 900 Innes Park Transformation Project

Dear Chair Bosco,

Writing on behalf of Trust for Public Land (TPL), we are eager to voice our strong endorsement for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD)'s proposed development at 900 Innes. This project, which aims to transform a currently underutilized space into a vibrant, multifunctional park, aligns closely with TPL's mission.

At TPL, our core belief is that quality parks and green spaces are fundamental for equitable, resilient communities. Access to nature and the outdoors, especially within the urban context, is essential for health, equity, and justice. We commit to creating, protecting, and stewarding such spaces across the nation, working hand-in-hand with communities to ensure human well-being.

The proposed park at 900 Innes resonates profoundly with our mission. By creating a welcoming, accessible park that unifies the historically underserved Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood with a lively waterfront, this project embodies the essence of the community-centered green spaces that TPL seeks to promote.

The comprehensive approach to the park's development is impressive. From the creation of a resilient shoreline capable of adapting to rising sea levels, to the inclusion of a floating dock to enhance community engagement with the local wetland habitat, the proposal encapsulates the principles of environmental stewardship and resilience that we, at TPL, champion.

Furthermore, the SFRPD's extensive outreach and engagement with the local community in the park's planning and design process assures us that the project aligns with local needs and aspirations, and will truly serve as an asset to the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood.

Given the State Coastal Conservancy's commitment to the preservation and enhancement of California's coastal resources, and the shared values with TPL, we trust you will view this application favorably.

For any further inquiries or information, please reach out to sarka.volejnikova@tpl.org or 415.999.5313.

Sincere thanks for considering our endorsement,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Šárka Volejníková', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Šárka Volejníková
Bay Area Parks for People Program Director
Trust for Public Land